Shri M. M. Jacob—*Contd.*

notified area; that means any area notified, which is actually affected by the terrorists menace.

It is the duty of every Indian citizen to protect ourselves and the nation from any terrorist virus. We are making every effort to that extent. So, the purpose now is very limited. I am not going to argue with my hon. colleague on the merit of it because that is an area where we have to go into it in depth; and I am not opposing to any of these points. But, at the same time, an opportunity should be given to this House to debate this Bill in this House and examine the various aspects of it ; and that will be possible only when we introduce it and you accept the introduction ; and then we will debate the whole thing. This was for a limited purpose. We extended it for two years. That period was lapsed. So, the President had to promulgate an Ordinance ; within six weeks from the commencement of the Parliament, we have to again approve it. Otherwise, naturally, the problems will arise. That is precisely the reason why I have brought this Bill before the House. And the terrorist menace still continues and more so is spreading to various areas, many other areas; and it has to be contained by strong measures and forceful measures with the cooperation of all parties and all people concerned. That is why, I was welcoming even the suggestions made by Mr. George Fernandes at this stage. I hope this Bill will be allowed to be moved and passed.

Mr. Chairman : The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Terrorist and Disrupitive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Chairman : The Minister may now introduce the Bill.

Shri M. M. Jacob : I introduce the Bill.

14.43 Hrs.

Statement by Minister

REASONS FOR IMMEDIATE LEGISLATION BY TERRORIST AND DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1991

[*English*]

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri M. M. Jacob) : On behalf of Shri S. B. Chavan, I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Amendendment Ordinance, 1991.

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14.44 Hrs.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT (SECOND) AMENDING BILL*

[*English*]

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri M. M. Jacob) : On behalf of Shri S. B. Chavan, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Jammu & Kashmir Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1983.

Mr. Chairman : Motion moved.

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Jammu & Kashmir Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1983."

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